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1. On 1 September 1947 the Soviet Consulate in Buenos Aires started to deliver Soviet passports to the Ukrainians and Byelorussians who, as previously reported, had turned in their old Polish passports (cf. [REDACTED]. 25X1A
2. The new passports are printed in Russian and French and certify that the bearer is of Soviet nationality. The Consulate charges sixty pesos (US \$15) per passport. Many of the applicants for these passports have strongly protested against the high price, but since they need documents of identification, it is assumed that they will pay the price demanded.
3. It is not known as yet whether Soviet passports are also being issued to other local Slav applicants or whether they are being restricted to the Ukrainians and Byelorussians. Several hundred local Lithuanians are also reported to have requested Soviet passports during the past few months. The same is true of many ardently Communist Bulgarians, Croats, and Serbs.

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Comment: The issuing of Soviet passports, although long delayed, will probably tend to dissipate the previously reported bitterness aroused among those local Slav Communists who felt that they had been badly treated by the Soviet consular authorities.

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